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1. INDOCHINA

MOST PAPERS FEATURE PAGE-1 COVERAGE AND PHOTOS OF VIET ORPHANS' US ARRIVAL, INCLUDING PICTURES OF PRES CARRYING CHILDREN AT SF AIRPORT SAT. MANY NOTE CONFUSION INVOLVED IN OPERATION, AND ILLNESS OF GREAT NUMBER OF BABIES. CSM'S SITOMER SUGGESTS AIRLIFTS
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COULD EASE US ADOPTION SHORTAGE. NYT REPORTS SAIGON ADOPTIONS SPED UP, WITH FORMER 6-MOS LEGAL WORK CUT TO WEEK. CHITRIB CARRIES UPI STORY OF US MOVIE ACTRESS INA BALIN WHO IS NEGOTIATING IN SAIGON TO

TRANSFER ALL CHILDREN IN ONE ORPHANAGE, 360, TO US FOR ADOPTION. CSM AND NYDN (UPI) REPORT USN DIVER RECOVERED FLIGHT RECORDER FROM USAF C-5 ORPHAN FLIGHT THAT CRASHED FRIDAY WITH ALMOST 200 DEATHS.

GVN OPPOSITION POLITICIANS MAKE PUBLIC LETTER FROM DEPUTY PREMIER DAN QUOTING AMB. MARTIN THAT ORPHANS' EVACUATION WOULD HELP CREATE PRO-GVN "SHIFT IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION." EMBASSY SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED

AMB. HAD EXPRESSED SUCH VIEWS; ADDED MARTIN CONCERNED ABOUT ORPHANS'

WELFARE (AP NYDN, NYT, SUN, WP).

OPPOSITION BRANDS ORPHAN AIRLIFT "INHUMANE" PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN FOR MORE US WAR AID, DEMANDS IMMEDIATE END (AP SUN, NYT).

EARLY MORNING CBS RADIO APR 7 REPORTED GVN'S CANCELLATION OF "OPERATION BABYLIFT"; HOURS LATER, UPI REPORTS DAN ANNOUNCEMENT PROJECT WILL GO ON. QUOTES US EMBASSY SOURCES THAT RESUMPTION CAME AFTER PRESSURE FROM US, CANADIAN, AUSSIE OFFICIALS PUT ON GVN.

DRV PREMIER TERMS US ORPHAN EVACUATION "CRIMINAL OPERATION" THAT HIS PEOPLE WOULD NEVER TOLERATE. ADDS THAT SVN EVENTS UNFOLDING SATISFACTORILY AS ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE FOR NVN NATL ASSEMBLY. NHAN DAN LINKS WEYAND VISIT TO THIEU ARREST OF POLITICAL FIGURES (AFP, NYT).

POPE APPEALS FOR SENSE OF JUSTICE, BROTHERHOOD, AND GOOD TO OVERCOME FORCE AND SELF-INTEREST IN SVN AND OTHER TROUBLED PARTS OF WORLD (UPI NYT, CHITRIB).

ON CBS' "FACE THE NATION" SUNDAY, SECDEF MUTED CRITICISM OF CONGRESS FOR SVN DEBACLE, IN LINE WITH "NEW ADMIN POLICY" (NYT SPECIAL). WP'S LYONS NOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHLESINGER SOFTENED ADMIN WARNINGS OF DIRE CONSEQUENCES AND CRITICISM OF CONGRESS, AGAIN URGED MORE GVN MIL AID, CALLED "FAIR INFERENCE" THAT GEN WEYAND TOLD PRES GVN WOULD GO DOWN WITHOUT MORE US AID. ON ABC'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" SUNDAY, FORMER UNDER SECY BALL SHARPLY CRITICIZED PRES AND HAK FOR SAYING US FAILURE SEND GVN MORE AID WOULD UNDERMINE CREDIBILITY; SAID BOTH SVN AND CAMBODIA WILL SOON BE COMMUNIST-RULED (UPI, NYT: LYONS, WP). SEN JACKSON DEMANDS HAK REVEAL ANY SECRET PROMISES MADE GVN (AP, NYT). SEN HUMPHREY SAYS WILL INTRODUCE BILL PROVIDING 200 MILLION DOLS IN HUMANITARIAN AID TO INDOCHINA REFUGEES EVEN IF "OUTSIDE THE CONTROL"

OF PP OR SAIGON (NYT). REP ASPIN SAYS NEARLY 1/3 OF ALL US MIL AID IN PAST 25 YEARS HAS GONE TO GVN (REUTER, WP; AP, NYT). NYT'S REED FINDS IN TRADITIONALLY BELLICOSE US SOUTH, VIRTUALLY NO SENTIMENT FOR NEW US MIL INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA, LITTLE FEELING TO SEND MORE MONEY BUT STRONG BELIEF WE SHOULD PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID.

US CONTINUES BUILD-UP FORCES OFF SVN, INCLUDING USMC ELEMENTS (AP, NYT; SUN). DOD DENIES LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENTS OF USN SHIPS TOWARD SVN COAST FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF AMCITS (NYT). USMC UNITS PREPARED LAND IN SAIGON TO EVACUATE AMCITS AND SOME VIETS IF MAJOR FIGHTING OR CHAOS BREAK OUT, ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES (PHINQ; SUN). ALL US BANKS IN SAIGON FLY OUT EXECUTIVES FOR "CONSULTATIONS." MOVE CAUSES CONSTERNATION AT EMBASSY THAT BELIEVES MOVE "PREMATURE," AND AROUSES BITTERNESS AMONG VIET BANKERS. OTHER US BUSINESSMEN IN SVN REASSESSING POSITIONS, WITH SOME SENDING DEPENDENTS OUT, OTHERS CLOSING OPERATIONS (LIPSKY, WSJ). SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON NOTES MANY VIETS WOULD LIKE FLEE COUNTRY, BUT GVN LAWS MAKE EXIT VISAS HARD TO GET; HOWEVER, PIASTERS "PAVE" WAY OUT.

ARVN STRIKES BACK, REOCCUPIES NHA TRANG AFTER NVA FAILS TO APPEAR FOLLOWING GVN ABANDONMENT -- FIRST GVN MAJOR MOVE TO RECAPTURE LOST TERRITORY (CHITRIB, UNCLASSIFIED

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SUN, NYDN). NHA TRANG AND CAM RANH BOTH APPARENTLY STILL IN GVN HANDS, WITH GVN REPORTEDLY MAKING SOME EFFORTS STRENGTHEN HOLD ON ISOLATED CITIES. ARVN ALSO REPORTED IN PHAN RANG, PHAN THIET (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

COMMUNISTS PRESS ATTACKS IN DELTA WHERE NVA MAY BE TRYING OPEN NEW FRONT (BUTTERFIELD). NONE OF DELTA FIGHTING MAJOR, BUT SIGNIFICANT IN THAT AREA QUIET FOR PAST MONTH (CHITRIB). GVN FORCES ENGAGED BY COMMUNISTS IN 5 DELTA PROVS. SOME MIL ANALYSTS THINK GVN MIGHT BE PUSHED INTO TIGHT PERIMETER (SUN).

SUN'S SEHLSTEDT NOTES CONGRESS WILL FACE VIET DEBACLE ON EASTER RETURN, BUT FOCUS WILL BE ON DOMESTIC ISSUES. QUESTION OF BLAME MAY DEVELOP INTO SERIOUS MATTER BETWEEN PRES AND HILL, BUT LIKELY BE CONSIDERABLE AGREEMENT ON HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIETS.

WP'S OBERDORFER AT SAIGON DESCRIBES DANANG DESCENT, "FROM THREAT TO PANIC TO COLLAPSE" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). WP'S BECKER NOTES AREA VETS BITTER ABOUT

DANANG FALL. SUN'S SEIDEN AT VUNG TAU NOTES NO PLACE LEFT TO RUN FROM DELTA REFUGEE FLOOD. WP'S GREENWAY DESCRIBES XUANLOC AS IT AWAITS RENEWED NVA DRIVE. AP (PHINQ) TELLS OF SVN NEWS TEAM SCRAMBLE KEEP UP WITH FAST-MOVONG WAR. WP'S RAMBO IN SAIGON RELATES STORIES OF SPREADING PANIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG VIETS

WHO WORKED FOR US, ABOUT BLOODBATH IF COMMUNISTS WIN.

TIME MAG CONTENTS THIEU CHANGED MIND TWICE ABOUT ABANDONING HUE, GAVE HIGHLANDS COMMANDERS ONLY 6 HRS NOTICE OF RETREAT, COUNTERMANDED OWN ORDERS. BELIEVES ARVN MAY REFUSE FIGHT, FORCING GVN SURRENDER (NYT). COMMITTEE HEADED BY KY FOR FIRST TIME DEMANDS THIEU RESIGN (REUTER, NYT).

NVN MOVES AIRCRAFT, RADAR INTO SVN, INCLUDING DANANG, HUE BASES. PRESSURE AGAINST TAY NINH EASES CONSIDERABLY. VC DEMOLITION UNITS REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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INFILTRATING SAIGON. GVN BAN ON PEDICABS HAS THROWN THOUSANDS OUT OF WORK, INCREASED ANTI-GVN FEELINGS AMONG POOREST ELEMENTS IN SAIGON (OBERDORFER). CHITRIB'S YATES WONDER WHERE NVA IS AND WHY HAS SUDDENLY STOPPED SHORT OF ATTACKING SAIGON. POSSIBLE REASONS:

UNDECIDED ABOUT WHETHER ATTACK OR TRY CUT CITY OFF FROM DELTA; POSSIBLY AWAITING THIEU FALL SO TEMPORARY COA-

LITION CAN BE SET UP; MAY NOT WANT DESTROY SAIGON MIGHT BE PLAYING "PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR GAME." BUT DELAY GIVES GVN TIME PREPARE DEFENSE, THOUGH TROOPS JUMPY, SAIGON PEOPLE "TERRIFIED."

CSM'S HEY PREDICTS FORD SVN AID PACKAGE AS RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT FOR MIL AID AND MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN REQUEST (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON SEES THIEU MAKING PLANS TO DIG IN FOR FIGHT NOT ONLY AGAINST COMMUNISTS BUT GROWING NUMBER OF OTHER OPPONENTS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CSM'S SPERLING BELIEVES PRES IN QUANDARY ABOUT WHETHER STILL TIME BOLSTER GVN, AND WHETHER TO OPT FOR MORE MIL AID; BRINGING OUT AMCITS, ORPHANS, THOSE WHOSE LIVES WOULD BE ENDANGERED BY NVN TAKEOVER; OR FOR MIL AID INFUSION TO STABILIZE SITUATION, PERMIT RESCUE OF MANY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). WP'S MCCOMBS BELIEVES COMMUNISTS ON VERGE OF VICTORY, WITH QUESTION IN MINDS OF MANY HOW AND WHEN VICTORY WILL COM AND IF SAIGON WILL BE ATTACKED IMMEDIATELY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S HALVERSON REPORTS ADMIN TAKING CAUTIOUS "WAIT

AND SEE" ATTITUDE TOWARD AIDING VIET REFUGEES OTHER THAN ORPHANS. CSM QUOTES SEN KENNEDY THAT HIS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BEGIN HEARINGS 4/8 ON SVN REFUGEE PROBLEMS. CARE DIRECTOR SAYS NO SURGE IN DONATIONS TO HELP REFUGEES, THOUGH MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT ORPHANS (CSM). BROWNE (NYT) IN VUNG TAU DESCRIBES ARRIVAL OF

REFUGEE BARGE WITH 50 DEAD FROM LACK OF FOOD, WATER ON 9-DAY TRIP FROM HUE. NOTES SIMILAR STORIES ABOUT OTHER REFUGEE SHIPS, BARGES. TELLS OF VUNG TAU CHAOS. UNCLASSIFIED

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AP REPORTS SVN TROOPS TOOK CONTROL OF 2 US SHIPS BOUND FOR PHU QUOC, FORCED VESSELS TO VUNG TAU BECAUSE DIDN'T WANT BE CUT OFF FROM FAMILIES.

UNICEF OPENS OFFICE AT HANOI TO DISTRIBUTE NVN, VC RELIEF SUPPLIES (CSM).

NYT'S SCHANBERG IN PI DESCRIBES "WORSENING" PROSPECTS FOR GKR SURVIVAL (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). US EMBASSY URGES ALL NON-AMCIT NEWSMEN LEAVE PP AS PRESSURE MOUNTS ON CAPITAL, STATES WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TCN EVACUATION (SIMONS, WP). INSURGENTS OCCUPY 2 MILES OF PP DEFENSE PERIMETER (AP, NYDN), AS FANK DEFENDERS FALL BACK SLOWLY. USAF F-4, PRESUMABLY ON RECON MISSION, MADE PASSES OVER PP (08,1). GKR LEADERS DISCUSS POSSIBLE SURRENDER (CSM). CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GKR LEADERS OPPOSE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AT THIS STAGE. INSURGENTS SAID NOT PREPARED NEGOTIATE PEACE TERMS AND GKR MUST SIMPLY STEP ASIDE. AIRPORT FIRED UPON, BUT US AIRLIFT GOES ON (SUN). SIMONS IN PP BELIEVES CITY CERTAINLY WILL FALL, BUT PEOPLE UNSURE HOW REBELS WILL BEHAVE AFTER ENTER CITY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). REUTER REPORTS MORALE AMONG GKR MIL COMMANDERS HAS DROPPED SINCE LON NOL'S DEPARTURE (CHITRIB).

IN BALI, LONG BORET SAID GKR WILLING SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR PEACE, BUT WARNED WOULD CONTINUE FIGHT IF INSURGENTS REFUSE NEGOTIATE (REUTER, CHITRIB). IN BANGKOK ON WAY BACK TO PP, BORET VOWED CAMBODIA WILL NOT COLLAPSE (SUN); ADDED THAT LON NOL PLANNED LEAVE FOR US ON 4/10 FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT (NYT). SUHARTO REPORTEDLY TOLD LON NOL INDONESIA WILL PRESS CAMBODIAN PEACE TALK ISSUE AT UPCOMING ASEAN FOMIN'S MEETING AT BANGKOK (SIMONS). IN PEKING, SIHANOUK CRITICIZED SUHARTO, MALIK FOR INTERFERING IN CAMBODIAN "INTERNAL AFFAIRS" (AFP, WP).

WH PHOTOGRAPHER KENNERLY RETURNED FROM SEA FACT-FINDING AND PHOTO TOUR; WH DISTRIBUTES PICTURES FROM TRIP (PHINQ).

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2. CHINA

CKS DEATH SATURDAY AT AGE 82 GETS BROAD COVERAGE.

PRES FORD PRAISES CKS AS MAN OF "HIGH COURAGE AND DEEP POLITICAL CONVICTION", WHOSE DEATH MARKS "END OF AN ERA" IN CHINESE HISTORY (WSJ; AP, NYDN).

NIXON SUNDAY SAYS CKS DEATH MARKS PASSING OF "ONE OF THE GIANTS OF THE HISTORY OF OUR TIMES" (UPI, NYT; AP, NYDN).

NCNA, IN PEKING'S FIRST COMMENT, CALLS CKS "THE COMMON ENEMY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE" WHOSE "REACTIONARY RULE" OVER TAIWAN WOULD CONTINUE UNDER YEN SUCCESSION (AP, NYDN; NYT). HSINHUA ADDS PEOPLE OF TAIWAN "WILL CERTAINLY" MAKE FURTHER EFFORT TO BROADEN STRUGGLE LIBERATE TAIWAN, AND UNIFY MOTHERLAND (AP, PHINQ).

VP YEN CHIA-KEN (AGE 70) SWORN IN AS SUCCESSOR SATURDAY NIGHT (PHOTO, NYT), BUT CKS SON PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EXPECTED CONTINUE RUNNING TAIWAN AS HAS SINCE 1972 (WSJ, PHINQ).

MIKI SAYS "GRIEVED" AT DEATH, WOULD SEND EISAKU SATO TO FUNERAL ON BEHALF LDP, BUT NO GOJ DELEGATION SINCE JAPAN, TAIWAN BROKE RELATIONS IN 1972. PRES PARK EXPRESSES SORROW (AP, PHINQ, WP).

WITHIN HOURS OF CKS DEATH, GRC MIL HQ PUT QUEMOY, MATSU GARRISONS ON ALERT; BUT PRC GIVES NO SIGN OF NEW MILITARY VENTURE TO CROSS STRAIT TAKE TAIWAN (CHITRIB WIRES).

KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE FORMS SUBC TO ARRANGE FUNERAL TIME, NATURE OF CEREMONIES NOT ANNOUNCED (NYT, CHITRIB).

SOURCES SAY CKS FUNERAL MIGHT BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY, IN HOPE MIGHT BE HELD SOMEDAY ON MAINLAND; SAY CKS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBABLY BE BURIED AT TAOYUAN, AFTER CHRISTIAN SERVICE, WOODEN MEMORIAL TABLET TO BE PLACED SUN YAT-SEN HALL MONDAY (AP, NYDN).

THOUSANDS MOURN TUNG PI-WU IN PEKING AS FOREIGNERS

ALLOWED FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS TO JOIN MEMORIAL TRIBUTE (REUTER, NYT).

3. JAPAN

UPPER HOUSE APPROVES 70.96 BILLION DOL JFY 75 BUDGET WITH 15.6 BILLION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND 4.4 BILLION FOR DEFENSE. COMPLETES DIET ACTION TO ENACT BUDGET (UPI, JOC).

FDA FINDS SHARP ELECTRONICS 15 INCH COLOR TV EMITS EXCESS RADIATION. SHARP HAS TWO WEEKS SUBMIT PLAN TO CORRECT ALLEGED DEFECT; SAYS WOULD MAKE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS OF 2,000 SETS IN USE WITHOUT CHARGE IF STUDY PROVES FINDING (WSJ-WASHINGTON).

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO SAYS HONDA PLANS RAISE 410 MILLION DOLS IN PETRO DOLLAR MARKET, STARTING WITH FIRST PUBLIC BOND OFFERING OF 25 MILLION DOLS THIS MONTH, ACCORDING NIKKO SECURITIES. NOTES OTHER FIRMS ALSO SHOW INTEREST IN ARAB OIL MONEY.

4. KOREA

JAPAN-ROK OPEN TALKS MONDAY IN SEOUL ON AID PACKAGE; ROK SAID SEEKING 215 MILLION DOLS TO EXPAND PORT FACILITIES, BUILD DAM AND POWER STATION, BUY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REUTER, NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA

US TIGHTENS RESTRICTIONS ON AUSSIE BEEF; EXPORTERS MUST NOW SELL TWO TONS TO OTHER MARKETS TO EARN RIGHT SEND ONE TO US; REPLACES EARLIER ONE-FOR-ONE ARRANGEMENT (JOC, LONDON).
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NYT'S STEWART TELLS HOW AUSTRALIA STOPPED BEING "CULTURAL DESERT", REVIEWS EXPLOSION OF INTEREST, ACTIVITY IN ARTS OVER PAST TWO YEARS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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SUN (4/5), WSTAR (4/6) EXPRESS HORROR, HEARTBREAK OVER CRASH OF C-5A CA RYING 243 ORPHANS TO US (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT ASSERTS US SHOULD BE IN FOREFRONT OF UNDERWRITING HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL AID FOR VICTIMS OF VN

"EARTHQUAKE" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYT'S LEWIS

CALLS ON PRES TO APPOINT SOMEONE KNOWN, RESPECTED ABROAD, AND CAPABLE OF ATTRACTING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AT HOME, TO COORDINATE ALL US RELIEF EFFORTS AND CARRY ON NECESSARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH UN, OTHER COUNTRIES (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN APR 5 SUN, MCGRORY BLASTED FORD/HAK VIET POLICY; SAW PRES IN SAN DIEGO NEWS CONFERENCE "TRYING TO TELL US, IN HIS MUDDLED WAY," THAT VN BABIES US IS AIRLIFTING OUT ILLUSTRATE "RIGHTNESS OF OUR INTERVENTION" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN WP, ROD MACLEISH SEES PRES IN SAN DIEGO, IN EFFECT, TAKING "SENSELESSLY CRUEL" LINE THAT 55,000 US SOLDIERS DIED IN VAIN IN VN BECAUSE OF 94TH CONGRESS' REFUSAL TO APPROVE SVN EMERGENCY MIL AID (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CITING "SECRET CABLES," ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) CLAIM THIEU LAST WEK CANCELED MEETINGS WITH WEYAND LITERALLY AT LAST MINUTE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE LACKED ANSWERS TO WEYAND'S QUESTIONS AND DIDN'T WANT FACE HIM. ADD THAT CABLES REVEAL WEYAND SHOCKED OVER ARVN'S "PELL-MELL RETREAT, AND US ANALYSTS PREDICT SVN FALL WITHIN DAYS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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WSTAR'S NOYES (APR 6) INSISTS REPLACEMENT OF THIEU WON'T CHANGE VIET PICTURE MUCH; NVN WON'T SHARE POWER IN SOUTH WITH ANYONE VERY LONG, AND ANTI-THIEU VOICES IN US ARE ACTUALLY DEMANDING BE RID OF SVN (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). ALSO IN WSTAR, REP RIEGLE URGES US TRY SECURE VN C-F ON WHATEVER BASIS CAN BE ARRANGED; MAINTAINS ONLY SEA GOAL WORTHY OF CONTINUED US INVOLVEMENT IS MINIMIZING LOSS OF LIFE AT CITIZEN LEVEL (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM FINDS THIEU'S DENUNCIATION OF US "HARD TO TAKE," INSISTS WE'RE NOT VILLAIN IN PRESENT DEBACLE; URGES AMERICANS SHUN CYNICISM, SELFISHNESS, RECRIMINATION, ADOPT BEDROCK SPIRITUAL ATTITUDES TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE HERE, ABROAD (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN'S JAY HAS POIGNANT MEMORIES ABOUT TOWNS IN NORTHERN SVN REGIONS NOW CRUMBLING BEFORE NVA; OVERALL FEELING IS "BITTER SENSE OF FUTILITY AND WASTE" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HUMAN EVENTS' EVANS (APR 5) WARNS THAT IN VN, CAMBODIA, US DEALING NOT WITH "NATIONALIST STRUGGLE BY PLUCKY GUERRILLAS," BUT WITH "BRUTAL WAR OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION THAT SEEKS TO CONQUER ALL INDOCHINA."

DONALD KIRK IN NYT (4/5) DISCUSSES THE CAMB. BLOODBATH DEBATE,
SAYS US SHOULD SEEK NEGOTIATIONS OR A SURRENDER THAT WOULD ENSURE NO CHANCE OF A BLOODBATH (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CLAYTON FRITCHEY IN WP CONTRASTS PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON STATE OF THE WAR IN VN (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLORIA EMERSON COLUMN IN NYT CARRIES PHOTO OF 1971 US MISSION COUNCIL IN SAIGON AND CONTRASTS LOOKS OF THESE IMPORTANT MEN WITH WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN VN (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).
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JOSEPH CALIFANO IN WP NOTES GROWTH OF RECRIMINATIONS BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS ON SEASIA. CALLS FOR LEADERSHIP DEVOTED MORE TO NATIONAL POSTURE THAN TO POLITICAL POSTURE (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S CANHAM STATES "PRIMARY NEED" IS FOR US SPEED NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH POSSIBLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WITH HANOI, VC, AND STRIVE FOR TRUE AND HUMANE PEACE -- BUT FINDS LITTLE EVIDENCE US TAKING PART IN SUCH TALKS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

EVANS/NOGAKRACE SVN STUNNING COLLAPSE TO "DISASTROUS INTERACTION" BETWEEN THIEU'S PERSONALITY (AUTHORITARIAN, STUBBORN BUT IMPULSIVE) AND NEW MILITARY CONDITIONS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S SULZBERGER IN PARIS RECALLS PEKING INTERVIEW WITH SIHANOUK 18 MONTHS AGO -- WHEN PRINCE SAID INDOCHINA REVOLUTION WOULD NOT CHANGE ALL SEA "JUST LIKE THAT" BECAUSE CONTRADICTIONS REMAIN BETWEEN REDS AND CONSERVATIVE BLUES. SULZBERGER GOT IMPRESSION SYMBOL OF MILITARY FORCES THAT DROVE OUT LON NOL, AND BOUND TAKE OVER CAMBODIA SOON, DOES NOT BELIEVE IN "BANAL" DOMINO THEORY. INSTEAD OF NEUTRALIZATION, RECALLS SIHANOUK ADVISED ONLY SOLUTION IS PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF NATIONS WITH VARIOUS IDEOLOGIES, SIMILAR TO DE GAULLE'S IDEA OF INDEPENDENCE FOR BIG, LITTLE COUNTRIES. DEPLORES FACT HAK DIDN'T FIND WAY TALK

WITH SIHANOUK DURING "PEKING PICNICS."

CHINA

WP STATES THAT CKS LIFE SEEMS "AN ALMOST UNRELIEVED SERIES OF MISADVENTURES" BUT HIS PLACE IN WORLD

HISTORY IS SECURE -- HE WAS FIRST MODERN STATESMAN
TO UNIFY CHINA, RESCUING IT FROM MORIBUND MANCHU
DYNASTY AND WARLORDS; EXPELLED SOVIET INFLUENCE;
PRESIDED OVER LIQUIDATION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL
ENCLAVES; AND HELPED DEFEAT JAPANESE. BUT IN END
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HE LOST EVERYTHING, EXCEPT TAIWAN.

NYT DECLARES DEATH OF CKS REVIVES A VIVID MEMORY OF
A MONUMENTAL DELUSION IN 20TH CENTURY POLITICAL
HISTORY GAA COURAGEOUS AND STRONGWILLED IN AN ERA OF
TOWERING NATIONAL LEADERS CHIANG NEVER, IN FACT,
RULED CHINA. DOUBTS DEATH LIKELY PROVOKE SUDDEN
SHIFTS OF POWER OR POLICIES, BUT NOTES "EVOLUTION
TOWARD MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AMONG IDEOLOGICAL
OPPONENTS WITHIN COMMON CULTURE HAS LOST ONE MORE OF
ITS INHIBITIONS."

CSM SEES NO DYNAMIC SHIFTS OF INTERNAL OR FOREIGN
POLICY LIKELY EMERGE IN TAIWAN WITH PASSING OF CKS.
BUT WITH INDOCHINA WAR "RUSHING TOWARD POSSIBLE
DEFEAT FOR US POLICY", QUESTION ARISES AFTER CAMBODIA,
SVN, HOW SERIOUSLY PEKING VIEWS US COMMITMENT TO
TAIWAN. WHILE CKS DEATH POSES NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM,
SUGGESTS EVENTS IN INDOCHINA MAY AGITATE TAIWAN ISSUE,
INVOLVE IT IN RE-EXAMINATION OF US POLICY IN ASIA.

JAPAN

LEONARD BOASBERG (PHINQ EDITORIAL BOARD) VISITS TOKYO
UNDER IPI AUSPICES, NOTES ENORMOUS PHYSICAL CHANGE
SINCE LAST THERE 29 YEARS AGO. SAYS JAPANESE PRODUCED
"ECONOMIC MIRACLE" MOSTLY BY PULLING UP OWN BOOTSTRAPS,
BUT WITH "MORE THAN A LITTLE" HELP FROM FRIENDS --
US GAVE JAPAN MOST BENIGN OCCUPATION IN HISTORY,
BILLIONS IN AID. US ALSO INSISTED ON ANTI-WAR
CONSTITUTION THAT SPARES JAPAN NEED TO WASTE SUBSTANCE
ON WARS, ULTRA-MODERN WEAPONRY. AND JAPAN, INC. TOOK
OFF "IN BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS", UNDER US NUCLEAR
UMBRELLA. KISSINGER

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